

Early Childhood Education Funding Sources

	Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)	Head Start/Early Head Start (administered directly from federal to local grantee)	Cecil J. Picard LA-4 Early Childhood Program (LA 4)	Nonpublic School Early Childhood Development Fund (NSECD)	Preschool Development Grant (PDG) Expiring 12/2022
Program Description	Supports families in accessing high quality child care by providing financial assistance to low-income families when they are working or attending school.	Promotes the school readiness of children birth to 5 from low-income families by supporting their comprehensive development.	Established in 2001, this is Louisiana's largest pre-K program and offers a 6-hour day of early care and education.	Established in 2001, this pre-K program offers a 6-hour day of early care and education.	A competitive federal early childhood grant that expands access to quality B-3 seats in child care programs.
Eligibility criteria	Families that are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> At/below 65% of State Median Income (SMI) Working, in school, or in training 20 hours per week actively seeking work or experiencing homelessness Age B-13 yo or to 18 if child with disabilities 	Families that are at or below 100% Federal Poverty Level (FPL) (30% up to 135% FPL and 10% over income) Head Start - age 3 and 4 yo Early Head Start - infants and toddlers	Families with four-year-olds who are at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL)	Families with four-year-olds who are at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL)	Children aged Birth-3, families at or below 200% Federal Poverty Level (FPL), working or in school 20 hours a week or more, actively seeking work, or experiencing homelessness
Program requirements	Type III licensed child care centers, child care assistance certified schools, and home based providers	School districts, educational service districts, community action agencies, faith-based organizations, community colleges/universities	School systems apply for seats for LA 4	Eligible providers for NSECD are BESE-approved nonpublic schools and Type III child care centers	Eligible providers are CCAP-certified, rated proficient or above, have all teachers with or pursuing the Early Childhood Ancillary Certificate, and must offer infant care
Federal funding source	Total: \$150,276,564 Source: Child Care Development Fund (CCDF)	Total: \$197,650,528 Source: Federal Administration for Children and Families (ACF) Funding	Total: \$50,495,657 Source: TANF	Not applicable	Total: \$8,384,062 Source: Preschool Development Grant
State funding source	Total: \$11,200,000 Source: State General Fund	Not applicable	Total: \$27,712,423 Source: State General Fund	Total: \$6,430,320 Source: State General Fund	Not applicable
Number of Funded Slots	CCAP Authorizations Total: 18,249 *Currently, no waitlist	Early Head Start: 3,026 Head Start: 16,475	4-year-olds: 17,079	3 & 4-year-olds: 1,222	B-3 year-olds: 627

Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)

The Child Care Assistance Program supports families in accessing high quality child care by providing financial assistance to low-income families when they are working or attending school. CCAP is available to families that are at/below 65% of the State Median Income; working, in school, or in training 20 hours per week, actively seeking work, or experiencing homelessness; have children aged birth-13 years old (18 years old for children with disabilities). Type III licensed child care centers, child care assistance certified schools, and home-based providers meet the program requirements for CCAP. CCAP is funded through the Child Care and Development Fund Program (at \$150,276,564) and the State General Fund (at \$11,200,000). Currently there are 18,249 CCAP authorizations in Louisiana and no waitlist.

Head Start/Early Head Start

Early Head Start & Head Start funding is administered directly from the federal government to local grantees and promotes the school readiness of children age birth to five from low-income families by supporting their comprehensive development. Head Start & Early Head Start funding is prioritized for families that are at or below 100% of the Federal Poverty Level and then families between 100-130% of the Federal Poverty Level. Early Head Start serves infants and toddlers and Head Start serves children ages 3 and 4. School districts, educational service districts, community action agencies, faith-based organizations, and community colleges & universities meet the funding requirements for Head Start & Early Head Start. This funding source is funded through the Federal Administration for Children and Families (\$197,650,528) and serves 3,026 children in Early Head Start programs and 16,475 children in Head Start programs.

Cecil J. Picard LA-4 Early Childhood Program (LA 4)

The Cecil J. Picard LA-4 Early Childhood Program was established in 2001 and is Louisiana's largest pre-K program and offers a 6-hour day of early care and education. LA-4 is available to families with four-year-olds who are at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level. School systems apply to provide seats for the LA-4 program. LA-4 receives \$50,495,657 in federal funding from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and \$27,712,423 from the State General Fund. The LA-4 program serves 17,079 four year olds.

Nonpublic School Early Childhood Development Fund (NSECD)

The Nonpublic School Early Childhood Development Fund was established in 2001 and is a pre-K program that offers a 6-hour day of early care and education. NSECD is available to families that are at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level with four-year-olds. BESE-approved nonpublic schools and Type III child care centers are eligible providers for NSECD. This program is funded through the State General Fund (\$6,430,320) and serves 1,222 three and four year olds.

Preschool Development Grant (PDG)

The Preschool Development Grant, which expires in December 2022, is a competitive federal early childhood grant that expands access to quality B-3 seats in child care programs. PDG is available to families at/below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level; working, in school for 20+ hours per week, actively seeking work, or experiencing homelessness; with children ages birth to 3. Providers that are CCAP-certified, rated proficient or higher, with 10% of teachers pursuing the Early Childhood Ancillary Certificate, and offer infant care are eligible for PDG. PDG funding totals \$8,384,062 and serves 627 children birth to three.